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I'd like to comment on the proposed settlement between DoJ and Microsoft. I believe that Microsoft is abusing it's Monopolistic position in the marketplace. That is not going to change with a simple settlement. It is going to take some serious action on the governments part to correct Microsoft's business practices.

Microsoft is fond of saying that any action against them will stifle innovation, however, Microsoft uses it's Monopoly powers to stifle any innovation that could compete with it.

They also use this power to create unfair and controlling license agreements. They also add things like the Activation program in Windows XP. This program says that if I upgrade my computer significantly, as many computer professionals are prone to do, I have to call Microsoft and ask them to continue to use the software I purchased with my hard earned dollars.

It appears to me that the government is looking for an easy way out of this. But it is the governments job to do what is right for the people, not big business. What is right for the people in this case is to make Microsoft play on a fair playing field. They should not be able to use heavy handed tactics that they use now.

Thank you for your time.

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